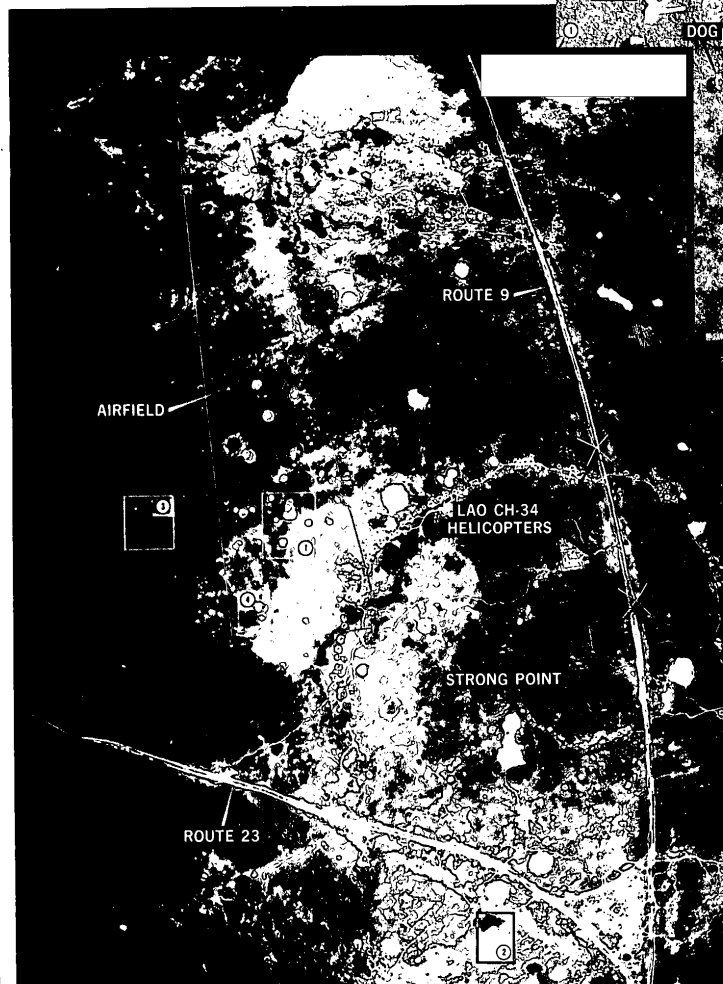


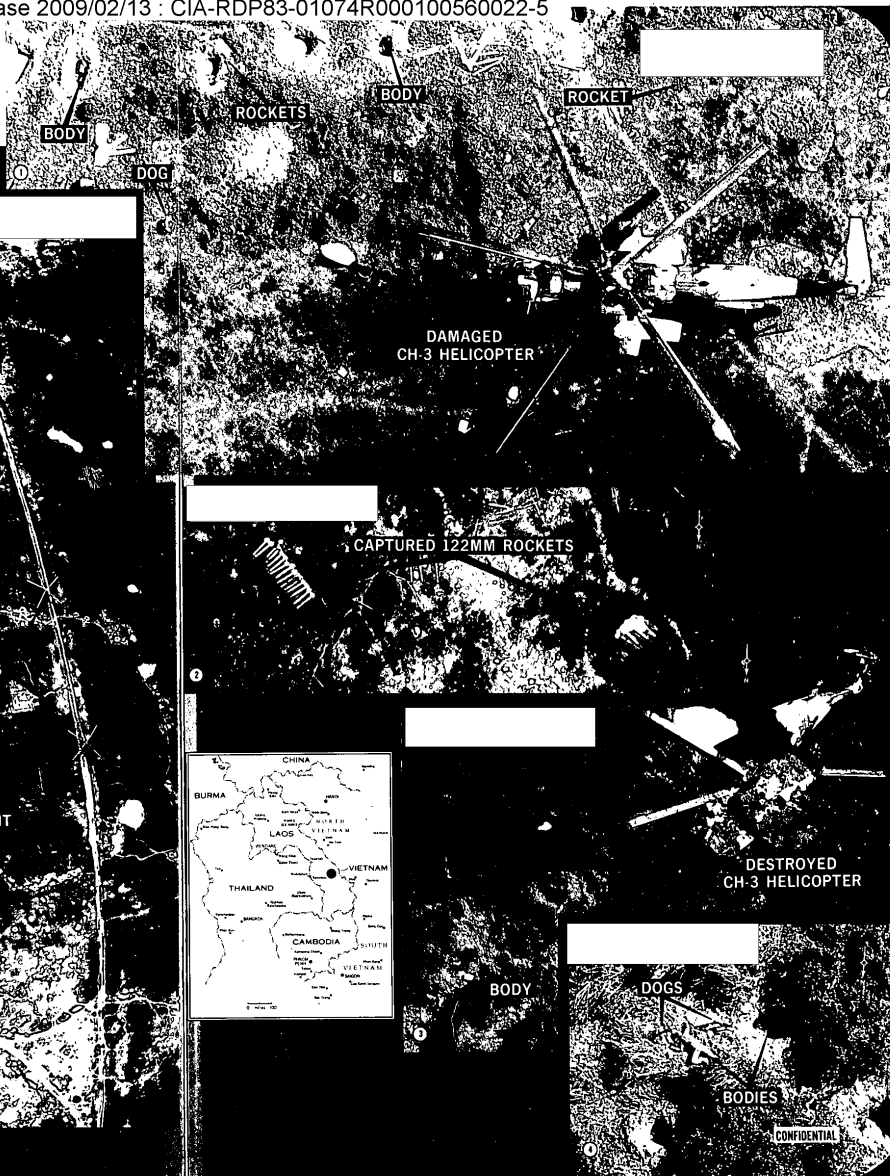
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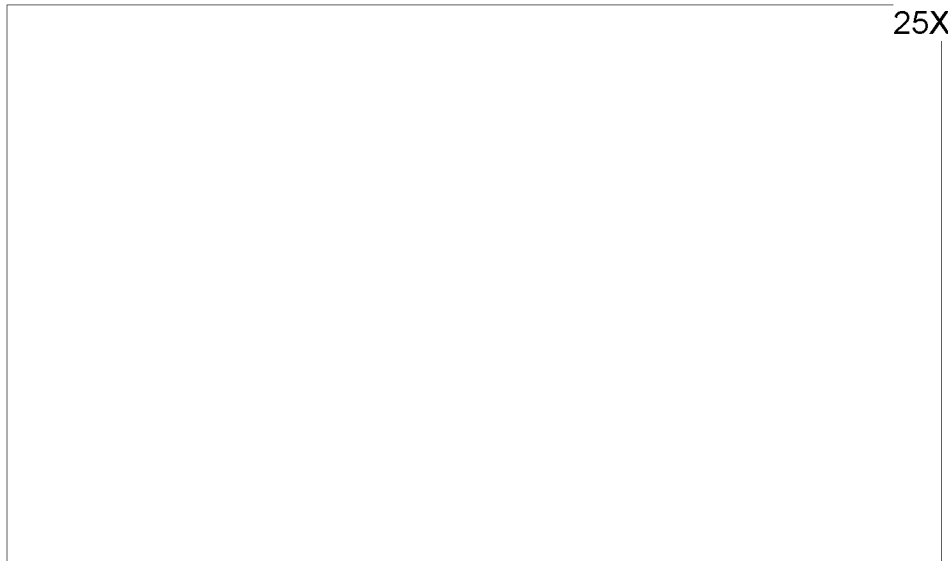
1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THE ABILITY OF FRIENDLY FORCES TO MAINTAIN A STRONG  
POINT AT MUONG PHINE WOULD PROVIDE A BASE FOR OPERATIONS  
AGAINST THE NORTH-SOUTH INFILTRATION CORRIDOR AND THE  
LARGE ENEMY BASE AREA AT SEPONE.

2. LOCATION:

LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 9 AND 23, 13 NM  
SOUTHWEST OF SEPONE.

3. COLLATERAL:



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4. MISSION READOUT: [REDACTED] REVEALS THE THEN FRIENDI 25X1

HELD STRONGPOINT AT MUONG PHINE. THE STRONGPOINT CONSISTS OF AN IRREGULAR CIRCLE OF FOXHOLES ON THE ABANDONED AIRFIELD. TWO LAOTIAN CH-34 HELICOPTERS ARE OBSERVED WITHIN THE STRONGPOINT UNLOADING SUPPLIES. NUMEROUS PERSONNEL, TENTS, SUPPLIES, AND PRESUMABLY CAPTURED 122 MM ROCKETS ARE ALSO OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

ON [REDACTED] AGAIN COVERED THE STRONGPOINT AFTER IT 25X1  
HAD BEEN ABANDONED. TWO U.S. AIR FORCE CH-3 HELICOPTERS ARE OBSERVED, ONE IS

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DAMAGED AND THE OTHER DESTROYED. AT LEAST FIVE BODIES AND SEVERAL DOGS ARE OBSERVED NEARBY AS WELL AS SEVERAL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A CH-3 FUEL TANK, SEVERAL MORTAR ROUNDS, A BICYCLE, AND MANY EMPTY CRATES. THE 122 MM ROCKETS REMAIN. THE STRONGPOINT HAS BEEN ENLARGED AND THE AIRFIELD APPEARS TO HAVE UNDERGONE SOME SURFACE GRADING SINCE

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